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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT ABANDONED
UNINTENTIONALLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(b)**Docket Number (Optional)
05051First named inventor: **DAN AHLGREN**Application No.: **09/904,179**Art Unit: **3751**Filed: **07-11-2001**Examiner: **A. RAMANA**Title: **STACKABLE INTERLOCKING INTERVERTEBRAL SUPPORT SYSTEM**

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- (1) Petition fee;
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee;
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee --required for all utility and plant applications
filed before June 8, 1995; and for all design applications; and
- (4) Statement that the entire delay was unintentional.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity-fee \$ **650.⁰⁰** (37 CFR 1.17(m)). Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.☐ Other than small entity - fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(m))

2. Reply and/or fee

A. The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in **AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**
the form of **3 MONTH EXTENSION** (**\$465.⁰⁰**) (identify type of reply):

- ☐ has been filed previously on _____
☒ is enclosed herewith.

B. The issue fee of \$ _____

- ☐ has been paid previously on _____
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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. STATEMENT: The entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the required reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional. [NOTE. The United States Patent and Trademark Office may require additional information if there is a question as to whether either the abandonment or the delay in filing a petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional (MPEP 711.03(c), subsections (III)(C) and (D))].

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☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)		Docket Number (Optional) <u>050051</u>
In re Application of <u>AHLGREN</u>		
Application Number <u>09/904,179</u>	Filed <u>11 July 2001</u>	
For <u>STACKADE INTERLOCKING INTERVETTERAL...</u>		
Art Unit <u>3751</u>	Examiner <u>A. RAMANA</u>	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and appropriate non-small-entity fee are as follows (check time period desired):

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown above is reduced by one-half, and the resulting fee is: \$ 465.⁰⁰

- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.
- ☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
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I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

- I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.
- ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed (Form PTO/SB/96).
- ☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 40,182
- ☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34(a).
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